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MSP for Kharif Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on Kharif crops including paddy and pulses, if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;

(b) whether the Government has ensured 100% procurement of pulses at MSP like paddy and wheat, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that MSP for pulses was up by almost 50% during the last five years but production failed to increase and if so, the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the challenge with a hike in MSP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all Kharif Crops including paddy and pulses of 2016-17 season. Details of increase in MSP for kharif crops for 2016-17 season including paddy and pulses is given at Annexure.

(b): To ensure procurement of pulses, Government has designated Food Corporation of India (FCI) as central nodal agency. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India limited (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) will supplement efforts of FCI for price support operations for pulses.

The objective of the Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to Government procurement agencies or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

(c): MSP is one of the incentives for farmers to increase production of pulses. In addition, the production of pulses depends upon several factors which inter alia include weather condition, quality of seed, technological development, etc. During 2016-17 Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of pulses. Further, to incentivize cultivation of pulses in the country, Government has announced a bonus of Rs.425/- per quintal for kharif pulses, namely Arhar (Tur), Urad and Moong, in addition, Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) − Pulses since 2008-09 through State Governments. NFSM-Pulses is being implemented in 622 Districts of 27 States including all Districts of North-Eastern and hill States for promotion of pulses.